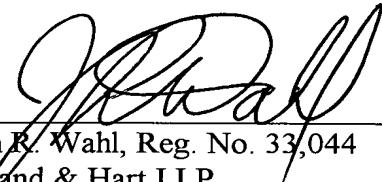


claims 26-29 and 34-37 now remain pending and are believed to be allowable. Applicants therefore submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

This amendment is believed to be responsive to all points in the Office Action. Accordingly, prompt reconsideration and passage of the application to issue are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or unresolved concerns, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the earliest opportunity to resolve such concerns.

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